The local paper sent a cub reporter, a young woman so young-looking she cannot have been out of college long. And I can only wonder, pleasant and bright as she seemed to be, how much experince she has had with books when she refers to non-fiction, clearly non-fiction, as "novels"! And when she spells Posner's name two ways in addition, what kind of editing she had. If any. She also got a little of it twisted. I told her the Posners were here for three days, not for "months." She also misunderstood me and did not question. Where I said "cheap" prosecutors brief she wrote "chief." So great is the local interest in the assassination I got not a single phone call afer this was published yesterday. The photographer had no trouble finding me. Before we moved in and afterward, until he went to college, a neighbor's high school son had the use of the pool. Sammy Yu was a friend of his and used it with him.

That picture on the wall is on the back of a door and it is not of Oswald holding the gun, it is a spoof of that picture with the head of LBJ instead of Oswald's.

Weisberg: JFK case still open

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The anger in his eyes is obvious when Harold Weisberg, a national leading expert on the John Kennedy assassination, talks about a top-selling novel that attempts to end the mystery surrounding the slaying.

Calling Gerald Posner's "Case Closed," released this year, "blatently dishonest," Mr. Weisberg wasted no time in countering the author's position that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy. Mr. Weisberg came out with a novel of his own, released in April, called "Case Open," to prove Mr. Pozner's arguements wrong.

Like two lawyers, Mr. Weisberg and Mr. Pozner retried Oswald's case. Oswald was believed by the Warren Commission to have killed President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Pozner's book claims to put to rest all other theories with proof that Oswald was the lone killer of President Kennedy. Mr. Weisberg said Mr. Pozner is just trying to sell books.

"Mr. Pozner can't tell the truth even by accident," Mr. Weisberg said. "In my book, I analyze and disprove every basic fact he said about Oswald."

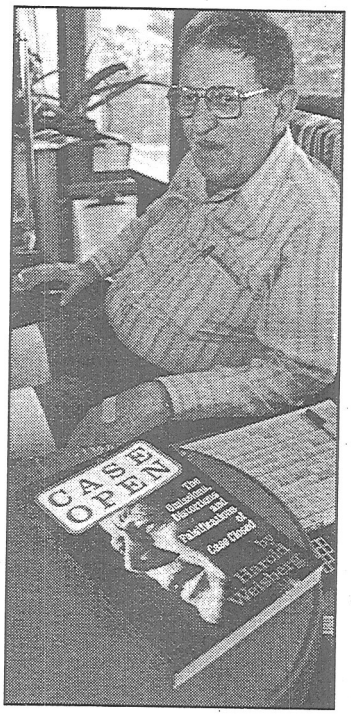
Ironically, these battling authors used most of the same material and information to reach two very different conclusions about the assassination.

Mr. Pozner spent months at Mr. Weisberg's house outside of Frederick, going through the basement and study which are filled with information about the assassination. Mr. Weisberg gathered most of his material because he pushed for it through the federal Freedom of Information Act.

"I make my information available to anyone who wants to look at it," Mr. Weisberg said."Mr. Pozner didn't use all the information. He only used the information that supported his certain theory."

Mr. Weisberg's novel, "Case Open," refutes Mr. Pozner's claim that Oswald was the lone gunman.

"His book is written like the chief prosecutor's brief and mine is the commentary brief for the defendant. By only using official evidence, I prove that Oswald is innocent. That he could not have committed the crime and the government knew it," Mr. Weisberg said sitting near a poster on his wall that shows Oswald holding a gun near a house.



Staff photo by Sam Yu

Local author Harold Weisberg recently wrote a book to counter the book "Case Closed" by Gerald Posner on the JFK assassination.

Now 80 years old and battling heart and circulatory problems, Mr. Weisberg said he still believes it is his duty to set the record straight about the Kennedy assassination.

"I'm the first of my family born into freedom," said Mr. Weisberg who is of Russian decent. "I inherited my freedom and this gives me a chance to pay part of it back."

Although Mr. Weisberg said he is unsure of how many copies of his latest book were sold, he said his publisher said it was doing very well considering no money was spent to promote it.

With his latest book still on the shelves, Mr. Weisberg is back at the typewriter again.

He has finished another book called "Never Again." Instead of disproving someone else's theory about the Kennedy assassination, in this book Mr. Weisberg said he uses official evidence that the government ignored or misrepresented to prove that one person could not have done it.